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Discovery of Anza Letters Sheds Light on Life Along Trail

From Dr. Greg Bernal-Mendoza Smestad

Imagine visiting a site on the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic trail and finding a Spanish coin from 1775, or an artifact connecting you to the past, providing new insights into the people and story of the trail.

However unlikely, such insights have recently been made by the re-discov-



Cahuilla rock art from San Carlos Pass possibly depicting riders on horseback from the Anza expedition.

ery of over a dozen previously untranslated letters, composed and signed by Juan Bautista de Anza and addressed to Fernando Javier de Rivera y Moncada, then the military official in charge of California. An analysis of the first three letters has been made available by Anza expedition descendant Phil Valdez Jr. at the on-line magazine, *Somos Primos*, in its July 2004 issue.

The letters were found by Valdez at the Bancroft Library in collections containing official letters and reports mainly pertaining to Rivera y Moncada's military governorship of California from 1774 to 1777.

Los Californianos members are currently working in conjunction with Tumacacori National Historical Park Chief of Interpretation Don Garate to transcribe and translate these *cartas*. What follows is both an English translation and an expanded Spanish transliteration of the first *carta* written at Campsite 55, San Carlos Pass, north of Anza-Borrego State Park.

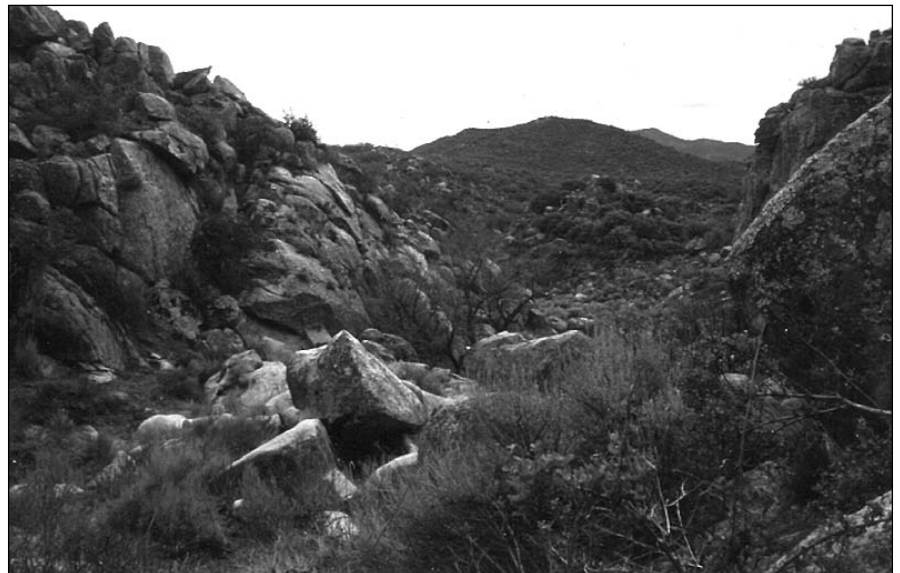
This work was done by Don Garate and José Pantoja with editing provided by Vladimir Guerrero, Ph.D. and Californio descendants Mary Triplett Ayers, Phil Valdez and Greg Bernal-Mendoza Smestad, Ph.D.

Phil Valdez's manuscript as well as the additional letters can be read in their entirety at <http://www.somosprimos.com/sp2004/spjulo4/spjulo4.htm#CALIFORNIA>. The Anza Letters can be found at the Bancroft

Library at the University of California at Berkeley, filed as BANC MSS C-A 368.



Father Font's map of the Anza Trail shows campsite 55 - San Carlos Pass. It was still a one-week ride from there to the Mission San Gabriel.



San Carlos Pass was a major turning point for the expedition. Having survived the desert, the expedition was low on supplies and sought additional help.

English Translation of Anza's Letter to Rivera y Moncada

My Dear Sir:

On the occasion of sending Your Honor the foregoing notices, it occurred to me to add that of the troop I am conducting to be transferred to the Presidio of Monterey, which I recruited in the provinces under the government of Sonora, I have furnished them with the clothing, arms, and other necessities granted by the Most Excellent Lord Viceroy, and a little more than three months wages for their payment. However, since they have been in the service for eight months, the clothing they were given has been destroyed and worn out. Because of that, and because the season is so raw, they are in need of reparation. Therefore, I have taken this opportunity to give Your Honor this notice that, if you do not feel it is inconvenient, you might send someone to find a provision of underclothing. That is truly what is needed by all the men, women and children. Of course, they will be able to make due with their exterior clothing and the use of some blankets until they have such [underclothing].

Among the families I am bringing there is included the wife and children of Duarte, a soldier of that presidio. She has asked me since the Royal Mining Camp of Alamos if I could do her the favor of transporting her to the side of her husband, who serves Your Honor. I am sending this notice that relief might be sent (if it can be) in the form of animals (1) and what ever else seems appropriate.

Our Lord keep Your Honor many years. Encampment of the said expedition at San Carlos Pass, December 28, 1775.

Your most certain servant kisses the hand of Your Honor.

Juan Bautista de Anza (rubric)

To Señor Don Fernando de Rivera y Moncada

Notes 1. Probably domestic saddle animals, but it could be cattle.

Spanish Transliteration of Anza's Letter to Rivera y Moncada

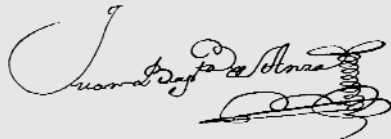
Muy Señor mio:

Con motivo de dar á Vuestra Merced los anteriores avisos, me parece añadirle que á la tropa que conduzco para entregarla en el presidio de Monterrey, y he reclutado en las provincias de la Gobernación de Sonora les he ministrado las ropas, armas, y otros necesarios que les concedió el Excelentísimo Señor Virrey, y tres meses o poco más del sueldo que deben gozar, pero como los más tienen ya de servicio ocho meses, se les han destruido, y acabado en ellos el vestuario que se les dio por cuya causa y el de la estación tan cruda necesitan de reparo y á este efecto tengo por oportuno el dar á Vuestra Merced esta noticia para que si no pulsa inconveniente les envíe (3) al encuentro alguna provisión de ropa interior, que es la que verdaderamente estan necesitados hombres mujeres y niños pues con la exterior, a ejecución de algunas frazadas, pueden tirar hasta hay (2).

Entre las familias que llevo va agregada la mujer e hijos del soldado de ese Presidio, Duarte quien me pidió desde el Real de los Álamos le hiciese el bien de conducirla al lado de su marido a quien se servirá Vuestra Merced darle esta noticia para que le envíe (3) (si puede ser) socorro de bestias; y lo demás que le parezca.

Nuestro Señor Guarde a Vuestra Merced Muchos Años Acampamento de dicha expedición en el Puerto de San Carlos y Diciembre 28 de 1775.

Besa la Mano de Vuestra Merced su más seguro servidor.



Juan Bautista de Anza. (rúbrica)

Señor Don Fernando de Rivera y Moncada

Notes: 2. original = ...excecion de algunas fressadas, pueden tirar h.^a ai. 3. original = embie

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Los Angeles Area Teachers Gather to Study and Hike Anza Trail

Teachers from the old Pueblo of Los Angeles up to the Santa Barbara Presidio will be using the Anza Trail curriculum as they work with third and fourth grade students when they return to their classrooms this fall.

The first group of twenty teachers from southern California has completed a 16-hour training course on the Anza Trail. As part of a Parks as Classrooms grant, National Park Service staff will be training teachers in Arizona and California in how to incorporate the Anza Trail story into their social studies and language arts curriculum.

During the recent workshop, teachers studied the Spanish colonial period in Alta California and the Native American tribes that lived in these areas. While at the Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center, they were able to hike along portions of the twenty miles of Anza Trail that run through the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. On the second day, teachers also visited trail along the Los Angeles River and near the Los Angeles River Center. Although temperatures hovered around 100°, all of the teachers completed the series of hikes along the trail. Some will be using the same trail segments this fall to introduce their classes to Anza.

After reviewing the entire classroom program, teachers had an opportunity to critique the curriculum. Teachers wanted additional resources on the various plants and animals the expedition would have experienced while crossing the Arizona and California deserts. They also wanted a supplementary lesson plan that would deal with ethnicity, race, and the Spanish caste system. These suggestions will be incorporated into the revised lesson plans.

The Anza Trail curriculum has been in a constant state of evolution ever



Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area hosted twenty teachers from Los Angeles and Ventura Counties for a two-day seminar on the Anza Trail. With temperatures near 100 degrees, teachers hiked the trail through oak woodlands near the Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center.

since it was first developed. Kathy Chalfant of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historical Preservation authored and designed the curriculum as part of a Challenge Cost Share grant. Over the last three years, she has continued to modify it and introduce it to scores of teachers as a docent at the Santa Barbara Presidio.

This spring, Los Californianos, the descendant group that represents many of California's first non-indigenous immigrants, put in hundreds of hours of work on the curriculum helping to research the histories of the thirty-six Anza expedition members discussed as part of the lesson plan. Work by Los Californianos helped create a product that accurately describes those first settlers that made the trek from the Mexican frontier to San Francisco in 1776.

By the end of the year, trail staff will have trained 100 teachers at workshops along the length of the trail in Hayward, Los Angeles, El Centro, Yuma, Tucson, and Nogales. All elementary teachers are welcome to attend the workshops, but the cur-

riculum is specifically designed to meet teaching standards for third and fourth grade classrooms in California and Arizona.

Workshops will be held on Saturdays in September, October, and early November. In addition to receiving a hard copy of the curriculum, teachers receive lunch and a \$50 stipend for their participation in the program. Although teachers in those districts will receive a written invitation, anyone interested should contact the trail at (510) 817-1323 to register. ❖

Correction and Notes

❖ *The photo on page 9 of the April edition of Noticias should have been attributed to the Borrego Sun.*

❖ *Bob Brower, grandson of Herbert Bolton, read Ron Ory's article about driving the Anza Trail and wrote to remind readers that the trail does not end in San Francisco but also includes a 200-mile loop in the East Bay. The East Bay loop is now completely signed for drivers.*

Arizona Volunteers Plan Major Trail Expedition for October

Cabalgata de Anza 2004 will take trekkers nearly 100 miles along Santa Cruz River

The sounds of horseshoes, bike tires, and hiking boots will commingle as a hundred equestrians, bicyclists, and hikers come together to celebrate over 70 miles of Anza Trail this October during the *Cabalgata de Anza 2004*.

Designed to coincide with the anniversary of the original Anza expedition of 1776 and the annual Anza Days celebration at the Tubac Presidio, the *Cabalgata* - which in Spanish means mounted horse procession - will give scores of trail enthusiasts the chance to explore one of the most accessible and scenic portions of the 1200-mile national trail. This is also an opportunity to experience the Anza Trail first hand in a way that the expedition members did over two centuries ago.

Beginning near the old Guevavi Mission site, just northeast of Nogales, the *Cabalgata* will have its kick off dinner at Rancho Santa Fe on October 15. From there, the riders and hikers will follow the Santa Cruz River past the Calabasas Mission to end their day at Tumacacori National Historic Park. On the 17th, the group's arrival at Tubac will coincide with the opening of the Anza Days celebration, followed by a campout at Rex Ranch. The following day, the



Tubac Presidio Manager Joe Martinez and Anza Trail foreman Mike Burns talk at one of the horse gates along the trail. Riders and hikers will pass through this mesquite bosque on the second day of the ride.

Cabalgata passes into Pima County with a campout at Canoa Ranch. The 19th will find the group camped at Rancho Sahuarita. Pending permission from the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation, the group will continue north along the river, arriving in Tucson's Columbus Park on October 21.

The Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona as well as dozens of volunteers have been coordinating efforts since early spring to create a successful ride. In addition to organizing logistical support to

transport camping gear from one site to the next, preparing meals, and insuring access to the trail, they have also had to cover issues such as maintaining adequate liability insurance for those participating in the *Cabalgata*.

Due to constraints on camping sites and logistics, coordinators are limiting the total number of daily participants to 100. There will be opportunities for those interested in a day hikes to join with the main group. There will also be an evening fund raiser to help the non-profits sponsoring the ride, including The Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona (ATCA), Friends of the Santa Cruz River, Tubac Historical Society, Tucson Audubon Society, and Santa Cruz Valley Heritage Alliance

Cabalgata organizer Larry Marshall emphasizes that donations are appreciated. Volunteers, money, and supplies are needed to help house and feed the trekkers as they travel north along the Santa Cruz River. Anyone interested in making tax-deductible contributions to ATCA to help sponsor the event should contact Lisa Sharp at (520) 398-8264, (520) 400-6548, or lisasharp@theriver.com. ❖



The Santa Cruz River runs above ground for much of the trail in Santa Cruz County. Cottonwoods and willows will offer shade during the October ride.

Students Study Why Visitors Use Trail

Student interns from Golden Gate National Recreation Area spent a day interviewing and recording dozens of hikers and bikers along the Anza Trail in an effort to determine who is using the trail and why are they there.

As part of an ongoing demographic study, the students hiked the final four miles of the Anza Trail between Mountain Lake and Fort Point. During their six-hour in the field, they asked trail visitors a series of questions about why they were exploring the trail and what types of interpretive products would be helpful to them in the future.

In addition to interviewing visitors, interns also inventoried the total number of visitors on the trail and documented whether they were hiking, biking, site seeing, or something else. Additionally, they took nearly a hundred photographs of people using the trail as well as plants and wildlife along the route.

New Book Paints Picture of Early California

A recent publication on California's changing landscape has shed new light on the role of agriculture on the early history of the state.

Historical interpreter and Los Soldados member Michael Hardwick has completed work on *Changes in Landscape: The Beginnings of Horticulture in the California Missions*. In it, Hardwick describes the pre- and post-Spanish contact plant life that existed in California.

Hardwick's book describes the transition from an indigenous landscape where American Indians used fire and selective harvesting to manipulate the existing plant community.



San Francisco middle school students receive final instructions before they begin interviewing visitors above Fort Point at the end of the Anza Trail

photo courtesy Trail Blazers

The volunteer work is just one part of a two-year study the trail is embarking on to find ways to reach out to new audiences along the Anza Trail. Looking at specific segments of the trail in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Tucson, trail staff is hoping to find ways to design

exhibits, publications, and events that would be more inviting to a culturally diverse audience.

Like many other National Park Service sites, initial studies of the Anza Trail show that users are seldom reflective of the communities that are adjacent to the trail. Executive Orders issued during the Clinton Administration direct all NPS units to find ways to reach out to groups that have not or are unable to participate in their parks.

The student interns, also known as The Urban Trail Blazers, are part of a summer long program geared to middle school students. Although all of the students come from San Francisco, home of eight different NPS sites, most had never knowingly visited one before their entry in the program.

In addition to helping out with the demographic study, the students are working on a variety of trail and educational projects this summer, culminating with a campout inside of Point Reyes National Seashore. ❖

This is followed by a period of agriculture associated with the mission system. As the merits of different regions of the state became apparent, certain areas became specialized. The San Diego area became known for its olive production, San Gabriel for its wine, and Carmel for lettuce, garlic, and peppers.

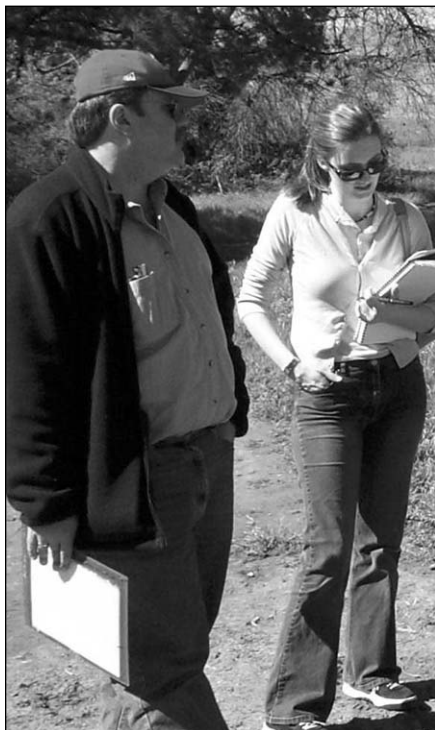
Secularization of the missions in 1833 saw a diminished role for agriculture from the missions and an expanding one for livestock production during the rancho period.

The book is available through the Santa Barbara Mission Museum at (805) 965-0093 for \$10 and can also be purchased at the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park. ❖

SCU Students Complete Research Project on Anza Expedition

Santa Clara University students with a passion for history are helping to fill in the gaps with their current research into the Anza expedition and life in Alta California.

Using a variety of primary and secondary sources, SCU undergraduates spent the last semester looking at life along the Anza Trail during the 18th century. Topics ranged from cultural taboos to various religious practices to issues of personal



Santa Clara professor Russell Skowronek and anthropology student Vanessa Koons discuss historic landscapes along the Guadalupe River at the Ulistac Natural Area in Santa Clara.

hygiene among Spanish settlers and indigenous groups.

Traditionally, those interested in learning more about the Anza Trail have turned to the expedition journals. The Anza Trail is only one of a handful of national trails that has had access to diaries describing the trail route. Herbert Bolton's work in translating the diaries and the

University of Oregon through the Web de Anza in publishing them in Spanish and in English on their web site has given a broad range of people access to these documents.

Although Anza and Father Pedro Font's diaries give readers a picture of the expedition, they do not always provide details about the intricacies of life among the indigenous people and the Spanish settlers.

There currently exists a great deal of scholarly research describing segments of Spanish and indigenous life at the end of the Spanish colonial period. But this research is often inaccessible to the public. Anthropology Professor Russell Skowronek saw the need for digesting this information and providing it in a way that was accessible to lay readers.

Professor Skowronek serves on the Anza Trail Advisory Council and has been one of its strongest proponents since before the creation of the National Trail in 1990.

While creating a long range interpretive plan, Anza Trail stakeholders emphasized that the National Park Service (NPS) has a role in providing a forum and a repository for information pertaining to the Anza Trail. Dr. Skowronek's project helps the NPS meet this obligation with background research into the lives of the settlers and American Indian communities in Spanish Alta California.

Students relied on a variety of journals written during historic periods, government records, and anthropological studies. One of the key tools used was Dr. Jack William's unpublished *Everyday Life in the Presidios, 1763-1835*.

The final product was a series of readable papers running the gamut of life along the frontier. Topics

included: *Health and Medicine in 18th Century Alta California*; *The Military of Frontier California*; *Hygiene Along the Anza Trail*; *Food and Cooking*; *Vice and Virtue*; *Education in Alta California*; *Games and Pastimes*; *Spanish and Ohlone Rituals and Beliefs*; and *Women's Experiences Along the Trail*.

These papers will be available to the public within the next month at the NPS Anza Trail web site, www.nps.gov/juba. In future editions of *Noticias*, abridged versions of these papers will be presented. For readers interested in obtaining a hard copy of any of the research, please contact David Smith at (510) 817-1323 or at david_smith@nps.gov for a free printed copy of any one of the papers.



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From the Superintendent



By Meredith Kaplan

Authenticity and accuracy. These are ongoing goals of our interpretive and educational efforts and a special emphasis for David and me this year.

As a matter of course, we rely on organizations like the Los Californianos and individuals like Don Garate at Tumacacori to review our materials and help insure accuracy. They have been helpful answering our Frequently Asked Questions now on our website (www.nps.gov/juba) and reviewing our curriculum materials and interpretive panels. Chumash, Ohlone, and other American Indian representatives are now helping with the development and review of interpretive text.

But as one of our advisory council members noted, “there is not even agreement among professionals” on details of the expedition or of the late 18th century Spanish frontier. The experts we seek out frequently disagree. Often, we are making educated guesses. However, in the past few months we have edged closer to accuracy in some areas.

Our partners and friends have contributed new information on the Anza expeditions. Imagine our excitement to learn of previously unknown letters written by Anza conveying the needs of his settlers while actually on the expedition—underwear, soap, and shoes! This archival find came through Phil Valdez whose reading of the diaries led him to the Rivera y Moncada collection at the Bancroft Library where eight of Anza’s letters to

Moncada were just waiting to be read. With these letters we learn marvelous details that help bring the trail story alive—the name of the family that came along at the last minute, the name of the best muleteer, how the loss of cattle and horses affected Anza, the list of animals he left with Moncada before returning to Mexico with “the pack outfits ... more or less worn out.” The feature article of *Noticias* provides a look at one of these letters.

Such a find is tantalizing. Could there be more letters out there? Where would they be? There is much more to be learned of the Anza expeditions and late 18th Century New Spain. Our staff of two lacks the time to conduct such research, but those of you with a passion for this trail might just add to our knowledge by doing a little sleuthing as Phil did.

One example is Greg Smestad. Greg, who was also involved in the letter find, now is incorporating authentic versions of the music that Anza might have heard in his audio CD and guidebook (a Challenge Cost Share project). Not satisfied with just any version of music mentioned in the diaries, such as the *Alabado* and *Te Deum*, he worked with Calicanto and the New World Baroque Orchestra to locate and transcribe the appropriate musical examples, often from original manuscripts, and to record the specific version of the music that Anza would have heard. With the involvement of several Indian tribes, Greg is also taping the music and language of some of the people that Anza encountered.

On another front, Dr. Alan K. Brown has found an earlier version of Font’s extended diary than the 1777 version we know from Bolton. This earlier version appears in the 1998 republication by Father José Luis Soto Pérez of Palóu’s

Recopilación de Noticias de la Nueva California from a manuscript in the Franciscan Order archive in Rome. The Font diary is included in archival material appended to Palóu’s *Noticias* in the two-volume Pérez work. This diary contains material left out of the later text. On the other hand, the later text that we are familiar with includes many of Font’s personal thoughts as well as his feelings about Anza - the sort of opinions we find interesting.

The descriptive material in the Soto Pérez version left out of the diary we know adds especially interesting material on the landscapes and Indians encountered. For instance, in the earlier version Font notes on March 25, 1776, ten Indians came out to meet them. Yet, in the later text, he says “there came out to meet us a great many Indians.”

On March 29 he describes the stream they called Los Dolores (in San Francisco) as “a year-round stream of extremely fine water, so adequate that the one at Mission San Gabriel is no finer....”, giving us more information on both streams left out of the diary version we know.

Dr. Brown is preparing a unified translation of the two Font diaries, most probably for publication. He has been generous in sharing his work with us.

Bit by bit, with the help of our friends and supporters, we are painting a better picture of the Anza expeditions and the late 18th century Spanish frontier. As new information becomes available, we are reminded that much about this period is still in question. Knowledgeable people often disagree. We do our best to be accurate and authentic, but must realize that we may need to change our ideas as new information comes to light. ❖

Colorado Hosts Anza World Conference

The 225th anniversary of Anza's crossing of Poncha Pass and his battle with Comanche leader Cuerno Verde in southern Colorado will serve as the backdrop for this year's 8th Annual World Anza Conference in Salida, August 26-29.

Although Anza is most well known for having led settlers to San Francisco from Mexico in 1776, he also served as a presidio commander and as governor in New Mexico. It was during the later period that he established a lasting peace through diplomacy after a final battle with Cuerno Verde in Colorado.

Participants at this year's conference will hear recent research by Ron Kessler, Joe Myers, Wilfred Martinez, Ignacio Pesquera, Jack

Williams, and Louise Williams. They will also be entertained at Saturday's dinner by a living history presentation from Don Garate and a field trip to the Anza route in Colorado.

Tour Arizona For Fun is coordinating the event for the non-profit Anza Society. For \$316, tour operators will pick up participants in Albuquerque or Colorado Springs and transport them to the conference site. The fee will cover conference admission, all meals and snacks, the field trip, and a conference package, including Ron Kessler's book *Anza's 1779 Comanche Campaign*. The cost for those just attending Friday's conference and luncheon only is \$50.

For more information about



Located at 7000', Salida is near the route used by Anza during his battle with Cuerno Verde in 1779.

the conference, contact Tour Arizona For Fun at <http://www.touraz4fun.com> or call at (602) 993-1162. ❖

Trail Embarks on Mapping Project to be Completed by Fall

Whether visitors are planning on driving, hiking, or biking, maps are crucial tools in being able to explore the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail.

Even during the expedition, Anza was dependent on Father Font's mapping skills to help him track their route from Horcasitas to San Francisco. For historians, Font's map offers a picture of Spanish knowledge of Alta California in 1776. But today's traveler needs something with a bit more detail than a few missions and a presidio or two.

As a result, the Anza Trail is working to expand the maps available to trail visitors on two fronts. First, the trail has hired Ryno Mapping as a consultant to create a computer database of all trail related historical sites and resources. As part of the contract, Ryno will create a series of county maps along the

trail identifying the historical route, the driving trail, and existing recreational segments. In creating a Geographical Information System (GIS) database, Ryno will be allowing trail staff to create trail maps in the future for regional areas, for new trail segments, and for the web.

On the second front, long time trail partners at the Center for Applied Technology in Education (CATE) at the University of Oregon are continuing their work on creating a series of interactive maps for the web. The maps allow users on the web to add and subtract various layers that depict the historic Anza route as well as modern road and waterways. The program has specific trail information tied to important historical sites along the map, such as the various campsites, missions, and presidios.

To date, CATE has been able to construct four of these detailed maps for the San Francisco Area, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, Riverside County, and the Yuma area. As part of their current Challenge Cost Share project, they will also create additional maps for Santa Cruz and Pima Counties, as well as Monterey. The Center is scheduled to complete the mapping program by September. Trail users can explore the existing maps now at <http://anza.uoregon.edu/atlas/relief/default.htm>.

Ryno Mapping will complete their project early this fall at which point readers will see a gradual incorporation of these new maps into park publications and web pages. Map products will ideally offer visitors the detail they need to explore remote segments of the trail while still being relatively easy read and understand. ❖

Along the Trail...

❖ **Roger Zachary**, an avid birder and biology and ecology teacher at Atascadero High School, offered a spring evening nature walk along the Salinas River portion of the Anza Trail.

The May 19 hike was sponsored by the local Amigos de Anza, the friends of the Anza Trail. The segment of the trail near the Wranglerette Arena is a 1.3 mile undeveloped loop in a mixed riparian setting of cottonwoods, willows, and wild shrubs and grasses.

Roger helped participants recognize birds by sight and by their songs and calls. Future hikes will be offered along the same trail segment. Contact **Myra Douglas** at (805) 466-8061 for additional information.

❖ The exhibit, *Inventing Race: Casta Painting in 18th Century Mexico*, is at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles through August 8. The exhibit deals with the elaborate caste system in place during the Spanish colonial period and its effect of those living in Mexico and Alta California. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, noon to 8 p.m.; Friday, noon-9 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Admission ranges from \$5-\$9. Contact (323) 857-6000 for more information.

❖ Curator **Andy Galvan** invites comments on the first draft of the Mission Dolores web site, which is being put together with the assistance of students from San

Francisco State University. The site is at <http://userwww.sfsu.edu/~shallx/>. Galvan may be reached at Chochenyo@aol.com with comments.

❖ On Saturday, August 7, Mission Dolores and Heyday Books will commemorate the role of the native Ohlone people in the building of the San Francisco Mission. During the History Open House,



Mounted US Park Police accompanied Mexican Consul Jaime Martin (in suit) and Amigos de Anza during San Francisco's birthday celebration.

Ohlone descendants demonstrate native crafts while docents explain native influence on mission architecture. In the mission museum, images of the recently discovered murals will be projected. Following lunch, authors **Malcolm Margolin** and **Randall Milliken** will discuss the complexities of traditional Ohlone life and culture. For more information, contact **Katie Wadell** at (510) 549-3564 ext. 316. Tickets for the event will run from \$3-5 with proceeds benefiting educational programs at Mission Dolores.

❖ Anza expedition descendants, equestrians, and government officials were on hand to celebrate

the 228th birthday celebration for the city and presidio of San Francisco as the city celebrated the anniversary of the arrival of the Anza settlers.

Los Californianos, a group dedicated to preserving the heritage of the early Hispanic Californians in Alta California, led the annual commemoration service. During the ceremony, descendants from

each of the original families from the 1776 Anza expedition lay flowers as the expedition roll call is made. This year's event brought together over 100 people.

The Los Californianos commemoration was one component of a weekend of celebrations at the San Francisco Presidio. The Presidio Trust brought together a number of different historical societies, American Indian representatives, and park affiliates to play host to hundreds of area students. Children visited an archeological site, talked with tribal members, and filled in their personal passports as they traveled around the

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historical San Francisco Presidio.

Program coordinator **Lisa Hilstrom** explained that the Presidio Trust has been focusing on reaching out to diverse communities to bring more children to the event. She felt this year's turnout for children was the highest she had seen since the Presidio Trust began hosting the event.

❖ Three five-year agreements have been renewed in the last three months: Atascadero Mutual Water Company for 4 miles of trail along the Salinas River; San Benito County for Stagecoach Road; and the Peralta Adobe in San José. Over the past five years, these partners have shown good faith in recognizing the Juan Bautista de

Anza National Historic Trail and in caring for the recreational trail and sites.

❖ Santa Clara County has formalized an agreement with that will allow us to mark many miles of recreational trail within the county.

❖ Stanford University resumed its archeological investigation of El Polin Springs at the Presidio of San Francisco. This summer's excavations uncovered the remains of an adobe building where the Briones family may have lived.

The study is part of a five-year program to uncover how this part of the San Francisco Presidio was used during the Spanish colonial and Mexican periods. Led by **Dr. Barbara Voss**, the dig is being



Spanish colonial living historians gathered in April at Mission La Purisima for a weekend of training and camaraderie.

jointly sponsored by the Presidio Trust and the National Park Service. ❖

In Memoriam

Andy W. Amann, Jr.



Andy Amann, one of the Anza Trail's biggest supporters and strongest advocates, died July 10 following a battle with cancer. He was 63.

Andy was an active member of the Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona (ATCA) in Pima County. While there, he helped Pima County incorporate the Anza Trail into their master trail program.

In recent years, Andy was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, Gale Norton, to serve on the Juan Bautista de

Anza National Historic Trail Advisory Board. In that role, Andy represented the interests and concerns of ATCA and Arizona trail users. He offered pointed commentary and insight into the future of the Anza Trail and the role volunteers and the Advisory Board could play in helping the trail.

Away from the trail, Andy was an investor who resided in Tucson. He is survived by his wife, Diana Brady Vidal. Donations can be made in his name to the American Cancer Society. ❖



ANUNCIOS

Tubac, Arizona

October 16-17, 10 AM to 4 PM. Anza Days. Celebrate the annual festival of Anza's passage through the community of Tubac at the Tubac Presidio State Historical Park. This year's event will be especially festive with the arrival of trail hikers and riders following the expedition route from Nogales to Tucson. The event site will have folklorico dancers, food, music, and activities for children. For more information, call (520) 398-2704.

Santa Cruz and Pima Counties, Arizona

October 15-21. Cabalgata de Anza 2004. Be one of the hundred equestrians, bicyclists, and hikers as they travel up the Anza Trail through Santa Cruz and Pima Counties in southern Arizona. Along the way, camp out along the Anza Trail and discover a slower way of life as you travel the historic route. Those interested in joining the expedition or helping out should contact Lisa Sharp at (520) 398-8264, (520) 400-6548, or lisasharp@theriver.com.

San Francisco, California

Saturday, August 7. Doors open at 9:00 AM. Program runs from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Old Mission Dolores. A Day at Chutchui: A history open house, sponsored by Heyday Books and the Old Mission Dolores. Join authors Malcom Margolin and Randall Milliken to discuss traditional Ohlone life and culture. Call (510) 549-3564, ext. 316 for more information, contact katie@heydaybooks.com.

Sunday, September 5. 6 - 7:30 PM. Join Juan Bautista de Anza for a living history campfire as he recalls the long, hard trip from Mexico to the area known today as San Francisco. Sit and talk with Anza as he awaits the arrival of the Spanish supply ship that will outfit the nearly 200 settlers. In English and Spanish. Dress warmly. Meets at Crissy Field outdoor amphitheater near the Warming Hut and West Bluff picnic area. All ages. Free. Registration required call (415) 561-7752.

Monterey County, California

November 12-14. Mission San Antonio de Padua. The Anza Trail Advisory Council will meet at the mission site for a three-day conference. This will be their final meeting before the group disbands. The public is encouraged to attend and offer feedback. Contact Meredith Kaplan at (510) 817-1438 for more information.

Salida, Colorado

August 26-29. Annual Anza World Conference. Join others interested in Anza and the Spanish colonial period at this year's conference in Salida, Colorado. The conference will include field trips to sites associated with Anza while he was governor of New Mexico. Call (602) 993-1162 or go to www.touraz4fun.com for more information.

Austin, Texas

October 21-24. The 17th Annual National Trails Symposium. Join the American Hiking Society during a four-day conference to discuss this year's theme, The Emerging Role of Trails in American Lifestyles. For more information, contact the American Trails office at (530) 547-2060 or visit the convention site at www.AmericanTrails.org.

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Views from the Anza Trail - Mountain Lake - San Francisco, California



Mountain Lake marks the final campsite used by Anza and his soldiers before their arrival at the Golden Gate. Today, the city park at the edge of the San Francisco Presidio is ringed by the Anza Trail. Each day, hundreds of hikers and bikers enjoy groves of eucalyptus and Monterey cypress - a scene quite different from the treeless, windblown marshy lake surrounded by flowers that welcomed Anza on March 28, 1776.